

BROOKINGS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday, December 6, 2005

The Brookings County Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, December 6, 2005, with the following members present: Dennis Falken, Mary Negstad, Donald Larson, Deanna Santema, and Emil Klavetter. Also present: Stephanie Vogel, Wm. Mark Kratochvil, Kelly Bakken, Robert Hill, Ted Eggebraaten, Gary Heldt, Todd Struwe, Vicki Buseth, Joyce Dragseth, Brian Eclov, and John Kubal.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Falken called the meeting to order.

CONSENT AGENDA

Chairperson Falken declared the Consent Agenda approved as amended with no objection from the board.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the agenda for the December 6, 2005 Commission Meeting, and the minutes from the November 29, 2005 Commission Meeting.

Welfare Matters: Case # 05-172 for a furnace was denied; Case # 05-137A for rent was approved; and Case # 05-171 for utilities was denied.

ROUTINE BUSINESS

Zoning and Drainage Director, Robert Hill met with the board to discuss the Brookings County E911 Rural Address Sign Project, the upcoming Zoning Meeting, and E911 Addressing.

Highway Superintendent, Ted Eggebraaten met with the board to discuss the Ice and Snow Removal, CR 46 Bridge Project, and a Preconstruction Meeting with the DOT.

Weed and Pest Supervisor, Gary Heldt met with the board to discuss the District Meeting, the Supervisors Meeting, Billing and Grant Information, the Gopher Program, and the upcoming Board Meeting.

Deputy Auditor, Kelly Bakken presented the board with the Auditor's Report.

Be it noted the salaries and personnel changes for the month of November 2005 are as follows: Longevity Increases: Dennis Miller \$35.00; Robert Olson \$115.00; Lori Schultz \$60.00; and Todd Struwe \$70.00. Annual Review Step Increase: Dennis Miller from \$15.64 to \$15.92 and Cliff Friedrich from \$15.92 to \$16.20. Promotion: Charles Umberger from Part-time Correctional Officer @ \$11.82 to Full-time Correctional Officer @ \$ 12.05. New Hire: Rae Lynn Maher, Equalization Clerk @ \$10.23. Resignation: Mike Sackmann.

Department Totals: Commission \$14,882.20; Auditor's Office \$8,618.24; Treasurer's Office \$11,888.98; States Attorney's Office \$21,338.29; Custodial Buildings \$2,756.35; Director of Equalization \$16,266.40; Register of Deeds \$7,775.22; Veteran's Service Officer \$3,206.01; Sheriff's Office \$33,837.92; County Jail \$30,829.25; Contract Law Enforcement \$7,094.81; Emergency Management \$5,699.82; Drainage \$1,240.46; Highway \$46,980.83; Welfare \$3,047.28; Community Health Nurses \$2,316.32; Women, Infants, & Children \$2,132.92; County Extension \$4,294.36; Weed Control \$4,649.37; Planning & Zoning \$3,721.36.

Be it noted, Chairperson Falken signed claims for the following—AFLAC, insurance \$2,935.80; AFLAC Flex-One \$85.00; Office of Child Support Enforcement, child support \$555.00; Delta Dental, insurance \$2,585.48; Flex One, unreimbursed medical \$1,477.00; Local Teamsters, union dues \$823.00; SDRS, retirement \$28,417.71; SDRS Supplemental, retirement \$3,455.00; EFTPS \$52,693.93; Wellmark Blue Cross, insurance \$39,868.65; and Fort Dearborn Life, life insurance \$507.70.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Treasurer, Vicki Buseth met with the board to present a Delinquent Tax Payment Agreement. Motion by Negstad, seconded by Larson, to approve and authorize Chairperson Falken to sign the Delinquent Tax Payment Agreement between Mary Jean VanSurksum and Brookings County. Roll Call Vote: Larson "Aye," Negstad "Aye," Santema "Aye," Klavetter "Aye," Falken "Aye." Motion passes.

Director of Equalization, Joyce Dragseth met with the board to discuss Abatement # 05-09. Motion by Klavetter, seconded by Santema, to approve the refund, future abatement, and to authorize Chairperson Falken to sign Abatement Application # 05-09 from Ricky Nase: the total refund in the amount of \$469.16 (2000 Bill # 11990 \$94.87; 2001 Bill # 12160 \$100.55; 2002 Bill # 12377 \$95.52; 2003 Bill # 12636 \$89.34; and 2004 Bill # 12777 \$88.88.) The amount of the abatement for the 2005 payable in 2006 tax bill is not available at this time. The property described as: S 65' Lot 10, Block 7 Skinners Second Addition in the City of Brookings, Brookings County, Parcel # 40570-00700-01000. Reason: Lot Size Correction. Role Call Vote: Negstad "Aye," Santema "Aye," Klavetter "Aye," Larson "Aye," Falken "Aye." Motion passes.

Emergency Management Director, Todd Struwe met with the board to give an update on the Storm Damage and to discuss and present the Resolution for Declaration of Emergency Disaster. Motion by Larson, seconded by Negstad, to approve and authorize Chairperson Falken to sign Resolution # 05-51 a Resolution for Declaration of Emergency Disaster and the supporting documents. Role Call Vote: Santema "Aye," Klavetter "Aye," Larson "Aye," Negstad "Aye," Falken "Aye." Motion passes.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 05-51

RESOLUTION FOR DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY/DISASTER

WHEREAS, Brookings County, South Dakota, has suffered severe damage, brought on by a severe winter storm that occurred on the dates of November 27th through November 29th, 2005; and

WHEREAS, Brookings County has committed all available resources and taken all possible action within the jurisdictional boundaries to combat and to alleviate the emergency/disaster and local resources are not adequate to cope with the situation.

WHEREAS, Brookings County recognizes that the rural electric cooperatives that serve the county have taken all possible actions within the jurisdictional boundaries to combat and to alleviate the emergency/disaster.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Brookings County Board of County Commissioners for, and on behalf of the citizens of Brookings County, request the Governor of the State of South Dakota to petition the President of the United States to declare Brookings County, South Dakota an emergency/disaster area.

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Dennis Falken
Chairperson of the Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:

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Janet Willmott
Brookings County Auditor

Commission Assistant/Human Resource Director, Stephanie Vogel met with the board to discuss Personnel Matters and the upcoming events: Legislative Luncheon, Intergovernmental Conference, and Holiday Potluck.

Be it noted, the Board approved the following Personnel Action Notice: New Hires: Part-time Correctional Officers, Jennifer Crum and Darren DeJong @ \$11.82. Resignation: Angela Becker.

COMMISSIONER'S OPEN DISCUSSION

Commissioner Negstad reported on the E911 Meeting and GIS Information.

Commissioner Larson reported on the NACo Conference and discussed the Research Park.

Commissioner Santema reported on an article in the Argus Leader about the South Dakota Vietnam War Memorial Event.

Commissioner Klavetter reported on a Zoning Committee Meeting on Zoning Changes and the National Children's Health Study Presentation.

Commissioner Falken reported on the E911 Meeting and the National Children's Health Study Presentation.

Commission Assistant/Human Resource Director, Stephanie Vogel updated the board on the upcoming December 29, 2005 Commission Meeting and Union Contract Matters.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairperson Falken declared the meeting adjourned until Tuesday, December 13, 2005.

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Kelly Bakken
Deputy Auditor
Brookings County Auditor's Office